arc available in these schools; and

(e) whether it is not a major deviation in education policy requiring debate at a larger forum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The New Delhi Municipal Council has introduced computer education in 23 schools run by it.

(b) to (e) "Computer Education' has been introduced as a regular subject at + 2 level in some Senior Secondary Schools where teaching is being imparted with the help of teachers appointed on *ad-hoc* basic pending regular appointment. The Council is also exploring the feasibility of out-sourcing of teaching for computer education as, in view of better job opportunities available in this field, it is difficult to retain qualified teachers in the schools for long. This option is already followed in the schools run by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Closure of Nakoda underground mines of Western Coalfields Ltd.

1064. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Coalfields Limited has closed coal mining at its Nakoda underground mines at Wani area of Nagpur Division since last September;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether complete orders of coal has been exhausted in the mine;

(d)-if not, whether the WCL is planning to reopen the mines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nakoda underground (UG) mine was closed due to following reasons:

(i) The working of Nakoda UG Mine extended very near to the fault, dykes and danger was apprehended from water logged workings on the other side of the fault.

(ii) Working places got exhausted because of gco-mining conditions.

(c) to (e) WCL has no plan for rc-opening Nakoda UG Mine. The balance reserve of Nakoda mine will be exploited by opencast through the existing Ghughus opencast project (OCP).

Manipulation by anti-social gangs in the movement of coal

1065. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware of rampant manipulation by anti-social gangs in the rake allotment/movement of coal from Eastern Coalfields Limited and Central Coalfields Limited;

(b) whether coal tradcrs/bulk buyers of coal in Kolkata arc threatened by such gangs to pay up protection money for their supplies of coal; and

(c) what steps are being taken to coordinate the efforts of Central Industrial Security Force and the RPF to ensure smooth movement of coal from pitheads to destination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) No such information has been received.

(c) The responsibility of coal company is upto loading of rakes only and the responsibility for protection of rakes after loading lies with consumer/Railways. As per information from Railway Board,